

## SMELL OF LILAC

Taking bath smell of  
lilac scented shampoo  
puts me back in Henderson  
St. driveway beside our  
blooming lilac hedge where  
I used to sneak a pee  
during games of hide  
& seek or lulls in  
cowboy-indian wars.

## IT WON'T QUIT

There comes a  
time so bad  
you want to  
quit & do  
but it don't  
work just like  
a motor you  
shut off that  
keeps on running.

## HANDKERCHIEF

Green lines twist & curve  
over hills thru valleys  
of this cloth &  
in a convoluted mood  
I see them as roads  
I've traveled pushed  
by an unnamed craving.  
Observe closely see  
how they double back  
crisscross themselves?